

Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Vehicle headlamp provided with a metal halide lamp suitable as projection lamp, in particular for instance as a vehicle headlamp comprising a discharge vessel surrounded by an outer envelope with clearance and having a ceramic wall which encloses a discharge space filled with a filling comprising an inert gas, such as xenon (Xe), and an ionizable salt, wherein in said discharge space two electrodes are arranged whose tips have a mutual interspacing so as to define a discharge path between them, characterized in that said ionizable salt is selected from the group consisting of comprises NaI, TlI, CaI₂ and XI₃, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of comprising rare earth metals.

2. (Currently Amended) Vehicle head metal halide lamp according to claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of comprising Ce, Pr, Lu, Nd.

3. (Currently Amended) Metal halide Vehicle headlamp according to claim 1 or 2, wherein X is Ce and wherein the molar percentage ratio CaI₂/(NaI + TlI + CaI₂ + CeI₃) lies between 0 and 10%, in particular between 0.5 0.5 and 7%, more in particular between 1 and 6.

4. (Currently Amended) Metal halide vehicle headlamp according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein X is Ce and wherein the molar percentage ratio CaI₂/(NaI +

TII + CaI₂ + CeI₃) lies between 20 and 90%, in particular between 35 and 85%, more in particular between 45 and 80%.

5. (Currently Amended) Metal halide vehicle headlamp according to any of the preceding claims 1 through 4, wherein the amount of NaI, TII, CaI₂ and XI_n lies between 0,005 0,005 and 0,5 0,5 g/cm³, in particular between 0,025 0,025 and 0,3 0,3 g/cm³.

6. (Currently Amended) Metal halide vehicle headlamp according to any of the preceding claim s 1 through 5, wherein the filling comprises Hg.

7. (Canceled)